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More Powder Burned During the Last Two Months Than During the Whole Civil War-Where and How It Is Manufactured-The Famous Du Ponts.

During the last two months Uncle Bam's men have burned more powder than was consumed during the whole four years of the civil war. Dewey, Sampson and Schley are largely responsible for this, but they will never be charged with extravagance. The big guns on our warships require big charges of powder, but powder is made to be burned, and who would think of counting the cost when a victory such as that of Manilla bay is to be remembered.

Although every powder factory in the country has been in operation night and



TROOPS GUARDING A POWDER MILL. day for at least ten weeks, it was only the other day that there was found to be at the government's disposal a quantity of explosives sufficient to form what is regarded as a safe reserve supply. The present output of powder of various kinds amounts to something like ten tons a day, but when you consider that the 13 inch guns of the Massachusetts. which were recently used with such terrific effect at Santiago, consume 44 tons of powder for every 20 rounds it is clear that it would not be safe to allow any of the powder mills to shut down just yet. In a three hours' engagement Sampson and Schley can use more powder than could be made in two months.

Being of such importance, the government has taken steps to protect with troops some of the larger powder factories. Spanish spies are too numerous to leave unguarded this wartime industry. Already one battalion of volunteers has been assigned to guard the works of the American Smekeless Powder company at Pompton, N. J. The output of these mills is being turned over to the government as fast as it is produced and practically the plant is under government control. A suspicious explosion at a powder factory not far distant and the reported presence of Spanish spies prove that this was no idle precaution.

Besides the Jersey powder mills there are others in various parts of the United States, notably in Illinois and California. The locations of these manufactories are not well known, however, for they are invariably hidden away in some spot remote from towns and villages where the ever possible explosions may do no damage to surrounding property.

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But the most famous powder works in the country are those of the Du Ponts, situated on the banks of the Brandywine river within a mile and a half of the outskirts of the city of Wilmington, Del. The Du Ponts are the great American powder makers. For enerations they have carried on the business, and by persistently following their peculiar and dangerous calling they have built up one of the great fortunes of the age. Although you never hear them mentioned with the Astors, the Goulds or the Vanderbilts, the Du Ponts are estimated to be worth over \$100,000,000, all made from powder.

The Dn Pont family constitutes an aristocracy all its own in the little state of Delaware, and, taking their cue from their employers, the workmen have near-



ONE OF THE DU PONTS' BOLLING MILLS. ly a century lived by themselves, with no desire to mingle with those beyond the pale of their own little colony.

Driven from France by the revolution, Elenthere Irene du Pont de Nemours came to this country and in 1802 began the manufacture of gunpowder on the banks of the Brandywine. With him came a lot of French refugees. That was the beginning of the famous Du Pont

powder works. They have their own club, their own church and their own burying ground. where many a tombstone marks the last resting place of some brave fellow who was literally buried in bits. They have

toflow where a Du Pont leads, and there is not a Du Pont who would ask a work-

man to go where he dared not go first. The colony makes its abode on what are termed "Du Pont's Banks" by the residents of Wilmington. It is a picturesque locality. When the original Du Pont established the first mill, his little band of French workmen established their homes within 100 yards of the mill. In this manner the nucleus of the present colony was made, and today there are at least 700 residents on the banks."

The Du Ponts, you must know, guard the secrets of their works with jealous care. They must be their own mechanics, chemists, superintendents and engineers, must spend hours every day in the mills, must live with the menace of sudden and frightful death always about them. The czar knows no greater terrors than these silent, grave faced men.

The first Du Pont to lose his life in the works was Alexis I. Du Pont, son of the founder. One summer evening in 1857 he was in one of the mixing rooms with some of his men trying to shift a heavy vellow pine box. As they slid the box along the floor the friction caused a spark to strike, and instantly the room was ablaze. All could have escaped, but Alexis tried to extinguish the flames.

Inspired by his courage, the workmen rallied with a will at the bucket line, but before they had got fairly started the explosion came, blowing Alexis Du Pont with a fearful force against one of the drying stands, injuring him so that he died in great agony a few hours later. Lamotte Du Pont met a horrible death on March 29, 1884, in the nitroglycerin and dynamite works. He was engaged in superintending some work when sud-

up to him, exclaiming, "For God's sake, save your life!" The works were in danger, and scores of lives were at stake. That is all Lamotte Du Pont thought of. For a few minutes he fought the danger with hand and brain, but it prevailed against him, and presently the explosion came, like the discharge of 1,000 cannon.

denly a white faced man came rushing

The greatest explosion of gunpowder



PICKET NEAR A POWDER MILL.

the Du Pont works on Oct. 7, 1890. In this explosion 13 men and 1 woman were instantly killed, while 22 men and 9 women were injured, some fatally.

Explosions such as these redden the history of every powder manufactory in the country. In spite of all possible precautions, they are bound to come sooner or later. Constant association with danger of any kind breeds contempt and leads to carelessness. The furious demon that dwells in the powder is patient. It stands many indignities in the shape of rough handling, but when the time comes its wrath is loosened and it claims its victims.

Some of the newer kinds of powder, while of higher explosive power, are less dangerous to handle than the old black, common variety. Cordite, for instance, that queer looking substance that comes the nearest to being a smokeless powder of any that has proved at all satisfactory, can be held in the hand and burned like a candle with no more disastrous results, but ignite it when confined in a gun barrel and it acts very differently.

Cordite comes in strips about the size of a lead pencil. In earlier days of ordnance only small grains of powder were used, but as the guns increased in size the size of the grains was also increased to pebble size and afterward to the varions prismatic sizes and forms that were popular a decade ago. The reason for increasing the size of the powder grains was that the small grain powder gave a great igniting surface and at times the charge was consumed before the projectile was fairly in motion, producing initial wave pressures in the breech of the gun that were of a highly dangerous All these are offered with certainty, and

With a larger grain there is less burning surface exposed, which naturally exerts a continuous force on the projectile until it reaches the muzzle of the gun. The results obtained were satisfactory to a degree, but there was some of the charge that was not consumed and left the muzzle of the gun along

with the projectile. With the prism powders came an alteration in the proportions of the explosive, which, from its brown color, was named cocoa powder. It contained was named cocoa powder. It contained shoulders and front and back gathered to saltpeter 79 parts, charcoal 18 parts, that. It is so arranged that the stripes and sulphur 3 parts, the charcoal used being made from straw carbonized by ter. The front closes with a couple of steam. The carbon thus produced redozen tiny round gilt buttons. The coltained the amount of moisture required lar, cuffs and draped belt are all of deep

for pressing it into shape. All these various kinds of powder are now made in the United States and made as well as they can be made anywhere; so with our recently increased facilities we can keep the guns going or eight shades of brown, ranging from as long as there is anything to shoot at. C. T. BAXTER.

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beautiful produced in fine cashmere, and they make exquisite gowns for elderly la-dies and for babies too. I may add while on the subject of colors that green bids fair to be very popular and is offered in all their own amusements, their dances, their private theatricals, and above all they have the Du Ponts, whom they regard with mingled respect, admiration and awe.

Nor would they have any other masters than these stern faced, taciturn multimillionaires, who give their personal supervision to every detail connected with the mammoth works and who are ever ready to risk their lives in times of peril. There is not a wc.k-rean in all that colony who would not the individual assenger agent, eveland, Unio.

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#### FASHIONS OF NEW YORK.

Military Blue Soon to Become the Favorite Color.

COMES IN MANY VARYING SHADES.

This New Fancy Another Indication of the American Woman's Loyal Spirit and the Shrewdness of the Dyers Summer Dresses Should Be Lavishly Ruffled.

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While black is to be the fashionable color for the fall and winter, there is a long list of new colors, or rather new tints in color, which we will be called upon to judge very soon. The dyers abroad send delegates to meet each other, each taking along such new tints or shades as his house has produced, and, putting them to-gether, they vote upon the lot, choosing the best of all for producing in quantity. Many are rejected, but by this means unity s established and certain lines of color are adopted for the season.

It seems almost incredible that so much

of the world's industry, art and progres s due to the necessity for providing dainty things for lovely woman. For her are hunters roaming the frozen fields of the north and the torrid jungles of the equator. Fur and feathers she must have. For her too, toll endless numbers of men, women and children in all the countries of the world in fields, in factories, in shops and in mines. If there were no women to work for, men would turn backward at east 10,000 years in civilization and go about with a gnarled club in one hand and a mutton bone in the other, clothed in garments made of the skins of animals they had slain. It is so nice to be a voman and feel that all over this world nations and people are busy providing protty things That reminds me that I am wandering

First come the military blues, for

even foreign dyers are clever enough to know that nothing would please every

true American better than to clothe herself

in the colors worn by her father, brother, husband or lover. So there are the soft

frosty cadet blue, the darker blue worn by

the soldier boys for coats and caps and the

grayish blue in use for army overcoats.

the blues have already "arrived," while

For summer a very pretty combination is a skirt of cadet blue or some other light

blue shade trimmed with a couple of stripes of wide white braid down the

should be of darker shade and trimmed

with white or tiny red cording in a man-

There are suits of blue and white striped

with a Garibald' strap down the

linen with jackets of plain lark blue linen,

and there are blouses of the same striped linen, called Dewey bloures. These are

are bias and meet with a point in the cen-

After the blues, which will of a certainty

be more popular than any other kind of color or tint, brown, it is thought, will be

a favorite. It has not had very great

vogue for several seasons. There are seven

seal to a rich gold color, and mordore is also among them. Mordore is a beautiful

warm brown, with a golden luster in the

day and garnet at night. Most of the browns bear the names of different furs.

We have three shades of crushed straw-

berry and two of crushed raspberry, it

being understood that they are mixed with

All the yellows possible to imagine are

among the new colors save the burnt orange. That looks too Spanish. There are six or eight shades of lavender and the

blue of the flag lilies, violet and the bluish

Gray is among the most refined of the

new colors. The most of them are in ex-ceedingly delicate shades. These grays and old rose and also ashes of roses are very

ner to suggest the military coat.

red linen or turkey red cotton.

The waist, whatever its style,

the others are coming.

sometimes over both, making a narrow raised puffing, which can be wrought into any curved design, and it is really pretty and rich. The ribbon should never meas ure more than half an inch wide.

> effective trimming for woolens and poplins and also the rich corded goods.
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> No letter relating to fashions is complete without mention of the patriotic devices in such vogue. There are hatpins now with military buttons at the end, so that a lady's hat is decorated by them. The army tailors say that they have so much work to keep buttons on the coats that one

Bias satin folds of the exact shade of a

almost suspects that these hatpins are gen-

## the threads have 'seen yarn dyed, the col- A FIGHTER'S FAMILY.

ors are fast.

Almost all the made up gowns for sum mer are of the thin, light materials over silken linings, and these are legion. The great majority have ruffles and flounces at the bottom and tucks and ruffles at the COMMODORE SCHLEY COMES FROM A PACIFIC AND WORTHY LINE.

waist. Have plenty ruffies and you will be all right. ething About the Relatives and An I saw one pretty pinkish organdle with a cream colored lining and cream colored ribbon sash and stock collar. There were tecedents of the Man Who Is Playing Such an Important Part In the Stirring Events of Today. three flounces around the bottom six inches deep each and cut on the straight. A very

of heroes are interesting. As a sort of compliment to Commodore Schley the showy afternoon dress was of turquoise blue liberty silk with one deep flounce merican public has made itself familiar around the bottom headed by an insert of two inch white lace insertion. The French with his early career, his youthful escapades, his boyish achievements and his up-ward course during his later years. Hav-ing done this, the same public wants to and the belt and collar were also overlaid on the blue. Turquoise blue is not on know something about his relatives.

The historic little town of Frederick

There are many very pleasing new fou-lard silks. These are good for ordinary wear, as they are usually in dark grounds Md., where brave Barbara Freitchie daunt ed the stars and stripes in the face of Stonewall Jackson's men, is a Schley and are not so very expensive. Satin du-chesse in colors and in black is to be one of town. It was founded and built and col-onized by Schleys, and near it was born the prime favorites for fall. Nearly all the bayadere stripes are limited to the rich and bred the commodore who has done so heavy cords laid over a plain surface. This much to bring honor to his name and

country, It was the great-great-grandfather of Scarcely any of the gowns for late summer are seen without some arrangement of trimming where ribbon is at least a the commodore, John Thomas Schley, who founded the town of Frederick. Thomas was a German. He came from Rhenish Palatinate in 1745 first to Penning effects, the preference being for flat made by drawing the ribbon over one cord, sylvania, then to Maryland.

John Thomas Schley was in prosperous circumstances when he left the father land for religious and political reasons He had been a man of considerable influence in his native country, and en he came to America he brought sider-able number of immigrants with him, and he started them to making silk.

gown, be it black or in colors, make a very John Thomas Schley built the first house in Frederick. It was a wild coun try then, and the Blue mountains shut in the Schleys and their only neighbors, the Tuscarora Indians. John Thomas' daugh ter was the first white child born in Fred-erick, and for this reason she received the name of Eve. She had a Tuscarora squaw for a nurse, and a quaint Indian ceremony was performed by the Indians in the little girl's honor. A lock of the baby's hair was put into

an oak sapling, with much weird incanta-tion and prayer to the Great Spirit that the little Eve might grow like the tree. A few years ago the tree was cut down, and there, after a lapse of nearly 150 years, was the lock of red gold hair of Eve Schley. The Schleys have kept their ruddy locks to this day, and before the commodore's hair began to show the frosts of approaching winter the color was like that of we schley, his great-grandaunt.

The Schleys increased in numbers and prosperity with each generation. John Thomas was succeeded by his son, George Jacob, who was the father of John Thom-



[Commodore Schley's only sister.]

as, the second, who in turn became the father of John Thomas, who was the father of the present Winfield Scott Schley. John Thomas Schley named his son aft er his friend General Winfield Scott. John Thomas married George Ann McClure, very beautiful Baltimore girl.

The commodore's mother was only 29

years of age at the time of her death, which left the Schley children to grow up motherless at Richfield.

After awhile there was a stepmother and the family scattered, never to be re united. Today there are only the commo dore and his sister, Mrs. Parks Fisher left of the family of seven children. Mrs fisher now lives in Baltimore. Of course she is proud of her commodore brother and can tell many interesting stories about him.

One of these has to do with a boyish pattle in which he took a leading part. A boy twice the size of Scott thought to amuse the crowd by bullying the smaller oy into a fight, with the odds agains him. Young Scott, who was wiry and muscular, turned the sympathy of the rowd by giving battle in fine style, pumneling his adversary on the nose until it bled and the big bully cried out for mercy.

Thomas Schley, the father of the com nodore, had several brothers. One of these, Edward Schley, was a man of con siderable importance in military affairs. It was at Colonel Edward's farm that the future commodore resented the charge of laziness to the extent of working for the period of a week and a day at harvesting. It used to be said that Colonel Edward Schley owned "the richest land, the black ist niggers' and the finest horses" in the state. Naturally the young men about Frederick were very fond of visiting at Cotonel Edward's farm.

The Schleys always had a fondness for the sea. For three successive generations they were anxious to go into the navy, but parental opposition kept out John, grandfather of the present commodore, and his son, John Thomas. When "Scot-

the navy, however, he went.

Richfield farm, the birthplace of Commodore Schley, is beautifully situated beween two romantic streams of water—the Monocacy river and the Tuscarors—the house an old fashioned brick, semicolonial two story with dormer windows in roof, porch the length of the front, hall through the center with an extension of one story on the front end for kitchen pantries. Years ago it passed into other hands and much of its glory has faded.

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FOR SUMMER DAYS. from my subject, which was the new col- | uine Uncle Sam buttons set in gold as souvenirs. There are parasols with saber handles, American flag handkerchiefs and neckties, hat ribbons and chemisettes carrying the national colors, hats in tricolor br-ids and veils of white manilla with red and blue chenille dots. There are flag stickpins, eagle pins, crossed cannon and sword pins and enameled bracelets of blue ground and white stars with red borders,

and these are not half—no, or a tenth.

Where there is "a lass that loves a sallor," like the pretty Pinafore girl, she wears a sailor suit on all possible occasions, and if she is in evening dress her jewelry is apt to run to fouled anchors and cable chains. The artillery, the cavalry and the infantry each have their admirers among the dear girls, and they are proud to wear the em-blem of their loyalty. One scarcely looks toward the elderly women with their modest little bow of red, white and blue, worn as a sign of their heroic sacrifice in giving their sons to their country, but the dear young girls, with their flaunting colors, we smile upon admiringly and affection-

ately. Bless them! As I said they would be, the soft, wide brimmed, flexible leghorn hats are now the height of style, and they are made to look light as a dandelion puff with their great rolls of lace and tulle and feathers. The feathers are pure white, lemon or sulphur yellow, cream, lavender or pale blue. Sometimes these are all one solid color, sometimes the tips are shaded, and sometimes the different colors are sewed together and mingled by curling. In any tase they are handsome.

MATE LEROY. No Neca of It at All. "Have you given up your idea of

said the courtier. "Yes," replied the Chinese emperor What's the use? There is no means of telling which I will need in order to talk to my neighbors."-Washington

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